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SUBJ: CODEL FANNIN-CALL ON UAE DEPUTY PRIMIN

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1. CODEL FANNIN CALLED ON SHAIKH KHALIFA BIN ZAYID, UAE DEPUTY PRIMIN

AND CROWN PRINCE OF ABU DHABI, JAN 16 AT HIS OFFICE IN ABU DHABI MINY DEFENSE. ALTHOUGH VISIT WAS OSTENSIBLY COURTESY IN NATURE, PRESENCE OF ABU DHABI FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR ADNAN PACHACHI, WHO WAS ACTING AS INTERPRETER FOR KHALIFA ASSURED THAT SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS WOULD BE DISCUSSED.

2. DISCUSSIONS OPENED WITH FRIENDLY EXCHANGE ON USEFULNESS OF UNIV ARIZONA-SPONSORED HYDROPONICS PROJECT ON SADIYAT ISLAND. SEN FANNIN NOTED IMPORTANCE OF PROJECT TO BOTH US AND UAE AND SHAIKH KHALIFA INFORMED CODEL THAT SHAIKH ZAYID CONSIDERING EXPANSION OF PROJECT WHICH DRAWS ON US TECHNOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE, AT INLAND OASIS OF AL-AIN. FANNIN INFORMED KHALIFA THAT NO COUNTRY HAS BEEN MORE COOPERATIVE TO UNIV IN ITS EFFORTS PROMOTE ARID LANDS AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH THAN UAE.

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3. SEN BARTLETT INQUIRED IF THERE WERE OTHER AREAS IN ADDITION TO

AGRICULTURE IN WHICH COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR US AND UAE COULD BE FOSTERED. AS UAE DEVELOPED, KHALIFA SAID HE SURE THERE WOULD BE MANY AREAS FOR CLOSER BILATERAL COOPERATION; HE RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO CODEL'S EXPRESSION OF INTEREST. KHALIFA PARTICULARLY INTRIGUED BY CODEL'S MENTION OF CLOUD-SEEDING EXPERIMENTS IN US WEST, AND HE ASKED SENATORS SEND HIM INFO AND STUDIES ABOUT ARTIFICIAL RAIN-MAKING. ALTHOUGH HE MADE FULLY AWARE THAT RAIN-MAKING TECHNOLOGY FAR FROM PROVEN, KHALIFA SAID UAE READY EXPERIMENT IN THIS FIELD TO TRY TO INCREASE SPARSE ANNUAL PRECIPITATION.

4. A. TAKING HIS CUE FROM ARTICULATE AND PERSUASIVE DR. PACHACHI, SHAIKH KHALIFA SAID HE WISHED DIRECT CONVERSATION TO SUBJ US-ARAB RELATIONS. SEN BARTLETT RESPONDED THAT ONE OF MAIN REASONS FOR CODEL'S VISIT WAS TO LEARN ARAB POINT OF VIEW AND TO EXPLAIN TO THEIR HOSTS SOME OF OUR PROBLEMS. NOTING THAT THEY BRIEFED BEFORE TRIP BY SEC KISSINGER, BARTLETT POINTED OUT THAT BOTH PRES AND SEC WORKING EXTREMELY HARD TO EFFECT SETTLEMENT AND IT IMPORTANT FOR ARABS TO UNDERSTAND THAT US IS ONLY COUNTRY THAT CAN MAINTAIN MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE WITH BOTH PARTIES AND MORE IMPORTANT, ACHIEVE ANYTHING POSITIVE WITH ISRAELIS.

B. TURNING TO QUESTION OF HIGH ENERGY COSTS, SEN BARTLETT REMINDED KHALIFA THAT THIS WAS SUBJECT IN WHICH US EXCELLED IN KNOWLEDGE. CODEL GRATIFIED BY OTAIBA'S REMARKS EARLIER THAT OPEC HAD AGREED STUDY LONG-TERM PRICE POLICY. WE CONCERNED, BARTLETT NOTED, THAT IF PRICES RISE TOO HIGH, IT COULD TRIGGER WORLD ECONOMIC DEPRESSION. AGREEING WITH KHALIFA'S COMMENT THAT HIGH PRICES ARE TWO-SIDED PROBLEM, SENATOR URGED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN PRODUCING AND CONSUMING NATIONS TO CONSIDER PRICE RELATIONSHIP OF ALL MAJOR COMMODITIES. IN GENERAL, BARTLETT SAID THERE MUST BE GREATER INVOLVE-

MENT BETWEEN US AND ARAB STATES ON MATTERS OF PEACE, ENERGY AVAILABILITY, AND PRICE STRUCTURE.

5. KHALIFA STRESSED UNIVERSAL DESIRE FOR PEACE. ARABS REGARD US AS KEY HOWEVER, AND THAT WAS REASON THEY DECIDED USE OIL AS WEAPON. ARTICULATING HIS OWN VIEWS AS MUCH AS THOSE OF KHALIFA, DR. PACHACHI, WHO IS EXPERT ON ARAB-ISRAELI QUESTION, POINTED OUT THAT DESPITE UNANIMOUS ADOPTION OF SC RESOLUTION 242 IN 1967, IT TRAGEDY THAT PROVISIONS HAVE YET TO BE IMPLEMENTED. WHAT ESSENTIALLY INVOLVED UNCLASSIFIED

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IS OCCUPATION BY FORCE OF ARAB TERRITORY. PACHACHI INSISTED THAT SURVIVAL AND SECURITY OF ISRAEL ARE NO DXONGER ISSUES AT STAKE. ONLY US AMONG ALL MAJOR COUNTRIES HAS FAILED TAKE FORTHRIGHT STAND AGAINST ISRAELI AGGRESSION. ARABS FORCED DRAW CONCLUSION, PACHACHI REGRETTED, THAT US BY ITS SILENCE ENDORSED ISRAELI POSITION. CODEL MEMBFJS REPEATED POINTDMADE EARLIER, NAMELY, THAT WE BELIEVE KISSINGER

AND US CAN DO MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE TO PROMOTE EQUITABLE SETTLEMENT, AND WE MOST HOPEFUL THAT SECRETARY WILL SUCCEED IN PRESENT EFFORTS BRING ABOUT DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES AND ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL.

6. KHALIFA EXPRESSED HOPE ANY SETTLEMENT ACHIEVED WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO PALESTINIANS, WHO ULTIMATELY ARE KEY TO RESOLUTION OF ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. WHILE ARABS AGREE US MUST PLAY MAJOR MEDIATING ROLE, THEY ALSO INSIST US ESPOUSE A JUST PEACE. SEN FANNIN REMINDED HOSTS THALSUS HAS NEVER DICTATED TO ANY STATE AND WHAT WE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH IN ME IS ESTABLISHMENT OF POLITICAL BALANCE. STAFF MEMBER STANGER COMMENTED THAT PRES AND KISSINGER SINCE OCT WAR SHOULD HAVE LEFT NO DOUBT THAT US PURSUING EVEN-HANDED ME POLICY. PROOF OF EVEN-HANDEDNESS AS FAR AS ARABS CONCERNED WAS OUR SUCCESS IN ASSURING SUPPLY OF TRAPPED EGYPTIAN FORCES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF 6 POINT CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT. PRESIDENT AND HIS CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORTERS NOW INSISTING ON TRUE EVEN-HANDED POLICY AND CONTINUATION OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE ARABS. KHALIFA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EFFORTS OF KISSINGER WORK TOWARD PEACE SETTLEMENT. SUCH A SETTLEMENT, HE STRESSED, MUST BE ACCORDING TO PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE US HAS ALWAYS STOOD FOR, ESPECIALLY OPPOSITION TO SEIZURE OF ANOTHER'S TERRITORY BY FORCE.

7. SEN FANNIN STATED CODEL ON THIS TRIP DEDICATED TO ESTABLISHING FRAMEWORK FOR CONTINUING GOOD RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND UAE. KHALIFA RECALLED GREAT ADMIRATION IN WHICH US HELD IN ARAB WORLD AFTER WW II BECAUSE IT HAD NO COLONIAL PAST, WAS KNOWN FOR ITS GENERAOUS HUMANITARIAN WORK IN AREA, AND HAD BECOME HOMELAND FOR THOUSANDS OF IMMIGRANTS FROM ME. PACHACHI INTERJECTED THAT PROBLEM OF PALESTINE INTERVENED TO POISON OTHERWISE EXCELLENT US-ARAB RELATIONS AND AFTER 25 YEARS IT WAS HIGH TIME THIS POISONING BE ENDED.

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8. SEN FANNIN REMARKED THAT AFTER WW II, US HAD MOST OF WORLD'S MONETARY RESERVES, WHICH WE REALIZED HAD TO BE EMPLOYED FOR BENEFIT OF ENTIRE WORLD. IF US HAD USED FINANCIAL RESOURCES SELFISHLY, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN CATASTROPHIC FOR ALL PEOPLES. SITUATION NOW HAS CHANGED AND RESERVES SHIFTING TO ME. FANNIN SAID WE FEAR LDCS WILL BE BANKRUPTED IF OIL PRICES REMAIN AS HIGH AS NOW. WE HOPEFUL ARAB WORLD WILL RECOGNIZE ITS RESPONSIBILITY AND TAKE REQUISITE ACTION TO FORESTALL WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC DEPRESSION. KHALIFA RESPONDED THAT AFFLUENT ARAB STATES, RECOGNIZING NEED TO BE GENEROUS WITH THEIR WEALTH, CONSIDERING SOMETHING SIMILAR TO MARSHALL PLAN FOR UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES. AGREEING THAT HIGH OIL PRICES COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO POORER STATES, KHALIFA URGED EARLY DIALOGUE BETWEEN CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS. PACHACHI COMMENTED THAT PERHAPS RIGHT PRICE FOR OIL WOULD BE ONE THAT WOULD GENERATE OTHER SOURCES OF ENERGY. ENERGY PROBLEM, HE SAID CAME WITH

DRAMATIC SUDDENESS, THEREFORE, ONLY BY DIALOGUE CAN ALL FACTORS BE  
CONSIDERED. PACHACHI SAID ARAB WORLD ON THRESHOLD OF GREATNESS WHICH  
BRINGS WITH IT CORRESPONDING RESPONSIBILITY. ARABS HOPE TO LEARN  
FROM MISTAKES OF OTHERS. CODEL MEMBERS CLOSED CONVERSATION BY  
EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE ARAB NATIONS WILL ACT UNSELFISHLY WITH  
RESPECT THEIR NEW-FOUND WEALTH, AND HOPE US CAN BE HELPFUL TO  
ARABS IN SHARING ITS EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY RE PROPER USE

OF ENERGY RESOURCES.  
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